Setting up of National Digital Library

934. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have embarked on a massive project to set up a National Digital Library;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have given any time-frame for this project and how long it will take to complete it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) A cell under the name "National Digital Libraries Cell" has been created in the Department. The mandate of the cell is:

- Setting up National Digital Libraries
- Lining DIT's own Archives and Library
- Resources in printed format as well as museum artifacts i.e. non-printed document format resources (murals, paintings, sculptures) etc. through digital technology in order to provide universal access with links to other digital libraries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Strategic Paper on A.D.C

935. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought out a "Strategic Paper" on levying of Access Deficit Charge (ADC) from private telecom operators;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Strategic Paper;

(c) whether Government would implement the recommendation of the Strategic Paper in consultation with the private telecome operators; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) As per the Government policy, access to telecommunications is of utmost importance for achievement of the country's social and economic goals. Availability of affordable and effective communications for the citizens is at the core of the vision and goal of the telecom policy.

The Access Deficit Charge arises out of tariff rebalancing exercise for providing affordable and effective communications to the citizen. Department of Telecommunications is responsible for formulation and implementation of telecommunication policies in the country.

Government had sought comments of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on the proposed policy directions under Section 25 of the TRAI.

Officers of BSNL booked for corruption

936. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officers of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have been booked for corruption by the CBI during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof year-wise; and

(c) the departmental action taken so far against these tainted officers of BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Year-wise details and departmental action taken against the tainted officers of BSNL are given below:

Calender Year	Cases booked by CBI	Prosecution sanction initiated	Officer prosecuted by Court	Departmental action initiated	Officer dismissed
2002	70	60	03	89	03
2003	67	31	-	32	
2004	65	28	-	16	-